

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A recording medium which records information as an optically readable coded image, wherein said coded image contains record location information indicative of a record location at which said coded image is recorded on said recording medium, and wherein the record location information comprises information based on which a coded image reading apparatus outputs information regarding a record location of a coded image to be subsequently read.

2. (Original) A recording medium according to claim 1, wherein said coded image contains said record location information as an element of a physical format of said coded image.

3. (Currently Amended) A recording medium according to claim 2, wherein said coded image comprises a plurality of blocks, each of which includes:

an information area containing divided information into which said information is divided;

a marker area including a marker to allow recognition of each of said blocks; and

a block ID area containing block ID information to identify each of said blocks,

wherein said areas are located in accordance with predetermined relative positions of said areas, and

wherein said block ID information also functions as said record location information.

4. (Original) A recording medium according to claim 1, wherein said coded image contains said record location information as an element of a logical format of said coded image.

5. (Currently amended) A coded image reading apparatus for optically reading a coded image from a recording medium which records information as an optically readable coded image,

wherein the coded image contains record location information indicative of a record location at which the coded image is recorded on said recording medium, the record location information comprises information based on which the coded image reading apparatus outputs information regarding a record location of a coded image to be subsequently read by a user, and the record location information is contained as an element of a physical format or a logical format of the coded image,

said apparatus including:

image inputting means for inputting the coded image;

and

record location determining means for obtaining the record location information from the coded image input by said image inputting means, and for determining the record location at which the input coded image is recorded on said recording medium; and

outputting means for outputting information regarding the record location of the coded image to be subsequently read, based on the record location determined by said record location determining means.

6. (Currently amended) A coded image reading apparatus according to claim 5, ~~further including operation information outputting means for outputting information about user operation in accordance with the record location determined by said record location determining means~~ wherein the recording medium on which the coded image to be subsequently read is recorded is identical to said recording medium on which the coded image, the record location of which is indicated by the record location information which is the information based on which the coded image reading apparatus outputs the information regarding the record location of the coded image to be subsequently read, is recorded.

7. (Currently amended) A coded image reading apparatus according to claim 6 5,

~~wherein when a plurality of coded images is recorded on said recording medium, said operation information outputting means outputs information about a record location of a coded image to be next read~~ the recording medium on which the coded image to be subsequently read is recorded is different from said recording medium on which the coded image, the record location of which is indicated by the record location information which is the information based on which the coded image reading apparatus outputs the information regarding the record location of the coded image to be subsequently read, is recorded.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A coded image reading apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the coded image comprises a plurality of blocks, each of which includes:

an information area containing divided information into which the information is divided;

a marker area including a marker to allow recognition of each of the blocks; and

a block ID area containing block ID information to identify each of the blocks,

wherein the areas are located in accordance with predetermined relative positions of the areas,

wherein the block ID information also functions as the record location information, and

wherein said record location determining means includes a reference table which shows ~~the~~ a correspondence between the record location information and the block ID information.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)